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40. A method of claim 34, wherein the estrogen and the progestin are administered continuously.

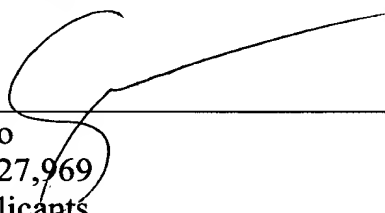
41. A method of claim 36, wherein the progestin is administered continuously. --.

REMARKS

The above claims are drawn to various general aspects of the invention as described in the specification. For example, with respect to the concept of estrogen being administered alone or in combination with a progestin for hormone replacement therapy or for fertility control, see, in particular, e.g. page 4, line 17; for the concept of bleeding control, see, in particular, e.g. page 3, line 24; for the concept of continuous administration of anti-progestin, see, in particular, e.g. page 10, lines 19-23, page 11, lines 13-15; and for the concept of achieving fertility control with a combination of progestin and anti-progestin, see, in particular, e.g. page 11, line 31, in particular.

Other locations contain additional written descriptions.

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